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Title: POLYMERIC DRUG RELEASE SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated August 12, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-9. For a species, Applicants elect, with traverse, species A, such that Formula 1 = poly(vinylbutyral-*co*-vinylalcohol-*co*-vinylacetate) with a Mw from 50,000 to 80,000, and 88% vinylbutyral groups, and Formula 2 = poly(vinylpyrrolidone-*co*-vinylacetate) with an average Mw of 50,000, as disclosed at page 3, line 24, to page 4, line 8 of the specification. Claims 1-9 read on the election.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.